

# Town of Gorham New Hampshire



## MEETING OF THE GORHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN Gorham Town Hall Public Meeting Room 2nd Floor Monday, July 12, 2021 5:00 p.m.

**SELECTMEN PRESENT:** Michael Waddell and Adam White.

**SELECTMEN ABSENT (EXCUSED):** Judy LeBlanc.

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Denise Vallee, Town Manager.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Edith Tucker, Reporter, Berlin Sun; Craig Rennie, Director and Clinton Savage, NH Trails Bureau.

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### 1. Non-Public Session - 5:00 p.m.

Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3, II(a) *The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, **unless** the employee affected (1) has a right to a public meeting, and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted; (d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community; and (e) Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed by or against the public body or any subdivision thereof, or by or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such public body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled. Any application filed for tax abatement, pursuant to law, with any body or board shall not constitute a threatened or filed litigation against any public body for the purposes of this subparagraph.*

### 2. Public Session Call to Order - 6:00 p.m.

Chairperson Waddell called the public session to order at 6:02 p.m.

### 3. New Business

#### a. Announce action, if any, taken in nonpublic sessions.

None.

#### b. Craig Rennie, Director, NH Trails Bureau

Craig Rennie introduced himself to the Board. He spoke about the efforts with the Grant programs and their current status. He noted he has also spent time addressing complaints that have come into the office,

regarding landowner conflicts. He went on to discuss other things he has been doing, including meet-and-greets and Accident Reports, during his short time with the Bureau.  
Mr. Rennie spoke about the Cross New Hampshire Adventure Trail group and the work they have been doing with them. Discussion was had regarding the Route 2 parking lot, as well as the proposed crosswalk to Casey's Way.

Ms. Vallee spoke about the Recreational Impact Survey being done and the results will reflect the summer and winter seasons in Gorham.

**c. OHRV Ordinance - Updated**

Discussion was had regarding the amendments made. Chairperson Waddell read the updated Ordinance.

**MOTION: Selectman White moved to accept the OHRV Ordinance, as amended. It was seconded by Chairperson Waddell.**

**Selectman White: Aye**

**Chairperson Waddell: Aye**

**The motion carried. (2-0-0).**

**d. Proposed Alpine Spring Continuation Trail & Connector Trail- Coos Cycling Club**

Chairperson Waddell described the trail in question.

**MOTION: Selectman White moved to accept the proposed additions to the trail on the Alpine Springs lot. It was seconded by Chairperson Waddell.**

**Selectman White: Aye**

**Chairperson Waddell: Aye**

**The motion carried. (2-0-0).**

**4. Old Business/Updates**

**a. Main Street - NHDOT Paving Project - Update**

Ms. Vallee indicated she spoke to Christina, the Project Manager from Pike this morning, who is in the process of chasing down the painting company who had not committed to any specific night this week for the painting of the lines. She indicated she had requested of Christina that she would like to be notified as soon as the work is scheduled.

Ms. Vallee noted she got the design for the crosswalks from Mike O'Donnell, which is just slightly different than the piano design from before. She described the design, which the Public Works Department will also use for the crosswalks that are parallel to Main Street.

**b. Libby Pool - Update**

Ms. Vallee stated that Libby's is full and that the Emergency Application was approved. She described the work that was done on Libby Pool.

**c. Zoning Board Application & Short-Term Rental Flow Chart**

**MOTION:** Selectman White moved to approve the Zoning Board Application & Short-Term Rental Flow Chart. It was seconded by Chairperson Waddell.

Selectman White: Aye  
Chairperson Waddell: Aye

**The motion carried. (2-0-0).**

**d. KRT Cyclical Revaluation Contract (Rev. Per DRA)**

Ms. Vallee went over the amendments made to the Contract.

**MOTION:** Selectman White moved to accept the KRT Cyclical Revaluation Contract, as amended. It was seconded by Chairperson Waddell.

Selectman White: Aye  
Chairperson Waddell: Aye

**The motion carried. (2-0-0).**

**5. Public Comment:** Public comments can be sent in via email to [dvallee@gorhamnh.org](mailto:dvallee@gorhamnh.org) prior to the Public Comment session. Any comments received via email will be read. Those in attendance will have the opportunity for public comment.

Edith Tucker requested clarification regarding the OHRV Ordinance, and the streets listed in it.

**6. Other Business**

**a. Approve Minutes of June 28, 2021 (Regular & Nonpublic Meetings)**

**MOTION:** Selectman White moved to approve the Minutes of June 28, 2021 regular meeting and nonpublic meeting, as presented. It was seconded by Chairperson Waddell.

Selectman White: Aye  
Chairperson Waddell: Aye

**The motion carried. (2-0-0).**

**b. Abatements**

None.

**c. Town Manager's Report**

- July 4th Celebration Recap

Ms. Vallee went over the events that took place on July 4th. Discussion was had regarding July 4th, 2022 festivities.

- Ms. Vallee stated they received one bid for the 2500 HD from Zach Binette, for \$575.

**MOTION: Selectman White moved to accept the bid from Zach Binette for the 2500 HD for \$575. It was seconded by Chairperson Waddell.**

**Selectman White: Aye**  
**Chairperson Waddell: Aye**

**The motion carried. (2-0-0).**

## **7. Adjournment**

**MOTION: Selectman White moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m. It was seconded by Chairperson Waddell.**

**Selectman White: Aye**  
**Chairperson Waddell: Aye**

**The motion carried. (2-0-0).**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Approved on July 26, 2021 by:

  
Michael L. Waddell, Chairman

Abstained  
Judith LeBlanc, Selectperson

  
Adam White, Selectman